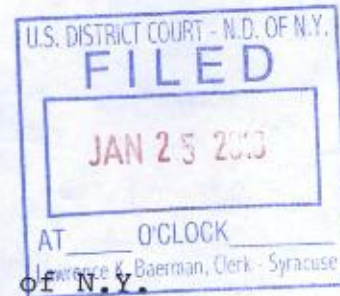


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United States District Court Northern District of N.Y.  
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Re: Ford vs Maruscello, et. al. 14-cv-1566

Dear Hon. Judge Hurd,

I am writing this letter because your 09/18/17 Decision and Order, you scheduled trial in this case for 02/05/18, to be held in Utica, New York. The court chose a pro bono counsel to represent me for this trial.

The firm that was chosen, was Getnick, Livingston, Atkinson, & Priore, LLP, 258 Genesee Street, Utica, New York, of counsel is Brian J. Ehrhard, Esq. Mr. Ehrhard, visited me back in October, 2017, interviewed me to determine whether the case had merit. I have not been in contact with Mr. Ehrhard, since that interview, except when I had my wife call him to find out whether his firm was taking the case.

Mr. Ehrhard, informed me in a letter, dated 12/28/17, that it was his firm's understanding that you would be issuing them an Order appointing the above firm as my pro bono counsel. The date for trial is 02/05/18, I have not sat down with the potential attorney's, to go over trial strategy with counsel and prepare for trial.

By the time that you receive this letter and prepare an Order that would official appoint the above firm to the case there would not be enough time to fully prepare for trial. I do not believe that Mr. Ehrhard, and his firm will do anything to move forward with the case, until it receive a Order from the Court, so for that reason can the 02/05/18, be rescheduled for enough for me attorney's time to prepare.

Thank you for your time and patience in this matter, I will look forward to the Court's response within a reasonable and practicable amount of time.

Yours truly,  
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